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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR COPY OF ARTICLE

1. GOP MINISTER HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO MAJOR MELO ANTUNES ARE ARGUING WITHIN GOVERNMENT THAT AMERICAN FIRMS IN PORTUGAL ARE DELAYING PAYING THEIR BILLS, AND THAT THIS IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF LACK OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT, OR EVEN WORSE-- THE START OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, CHILE STYLE, AGAINST PORTUGAL.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THERE WAS ARTICLE IN "WALL STREET JOURNAL" ABOUT ONE MONTH AGO WHICH STATED THAT PROBLEM OF SLOW PAYMENT OF BILLS IS COMMON PROBLEM AT PRESENT TIME IN U.S. REQUEST DEPARTMENT SEND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE COPY OF THIS OR ANY OTHER ARTICLE ON SUBJECT WHICH CAN HELP US DEMONSTRATE TO GOP PAYMENT PROBLEM IS SIMPLY ANOTHER INDICATION OF CURRENT WORLD-WIDE BUSINESS SITUATION, AND IN NO WAY INDICATIVE OF U.S. POLICY TOWARD PORTUGAL.
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